have been demanding for a long time that a faster train in the form of an inter-city express should be introduced on this route; and

(c) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Whereas the distance by road is about 190 Kms., the same by rail is 261 Kms. The journey time by luxury buses is 1 hour less and by ordinary buses is only 30 minutes less as compared to the time taken by an express train. Various representations are received for introduction of trains from Indore/Bhopal for different destinations in the country. Within the limited resources available with the Railways, a weekly express train between Indore and Howrah (*viz* Bhopal) is being introduced from August, 1988. A direct train between Indore and Madras (*via* Bhopal) is also proposed for introduction from the next time table.

Ticketless Travelling in Railways

943. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of ticketless travelling has been increasing in railways of late;

(b) whether the zones where ticketless travel is rampant has been identified;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check it; and

(d) the number of ticketless travellers who have been caught and booked during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In adidtion to normal checks, following measures are taken to combat ticketless travel:—

(i) Massive concentrated checks by deploying large number of TTE, RPF and GRP staff with a view to ensure hundred per cent check of passengers in trains.

(ii) Magisterial checks.

(iii) Cross country checks i.e. checks conducted by engaging buses and intercepting trains in mid-section; and

(iv) Ambush checks.

(Figures in lakhs)

(d) Year	No. of persons caught without ticket or with improper ticket
1985-86	50.49
1986-87	59.72
1987-88	67.20

उत्तर प्रदेश के मैनपुरी जिले में शिकोहाबाद स्टेशन के निकट रेलवे क्रासिंग पर ओवर-ब्रिज का निर्माण

944. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जनता को पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों को दूर करने और रेलगाड़ियों आदि के आवागमन को अच्छी तरह संचालित करने की ध्यान में रखते हुए उत्तर प्रदेश के मैनपुरी जिले में शिकोहाबाद स्टेशन के निकट रेलवे क्रासिंग पर एक ओवरब्रिज का निर्माण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका निर्माण कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) उस पर कितना खर्च आने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) उसके निर्माण कार्य में हो रहे विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?